

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this patent application:

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Claims 1 to 5 (canceled).

a, 6. (new) A canal instrument having a working cross-section comprising three flutes forming three cutting lips, wherein the three flutes have an "S" shape, and wherein the three cutting lips are located on the working cross-section at positions corresponding to vertices of an isosceles triangle.

7. (new) The canal instrument of claim 6 wherein the canal instrument is a dental reamer.

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